

## Senate Resolution 778

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Clarkston Health Collaborative for its efforts in promoting the social,  
2 economic, and physical well-being of the citizens of the City of Clarkston; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Clarkston Health Collaborative began in 1994 as an innovative community  
5 coalition that grew out of VISION 2020, a planning initiative of the Atlanta Regional  
6 Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, currently the Clarkston Health Collaborative is a vibrant coalition of residents  
8 and representatives of the business, religious, civic, health, and social service organizations  
9 committed to improving the social, economic, and physical well-being of Clarkston, where  
10 "community health" is defined not as the absence of disease, but as an entire state of  
11 well-being; and

12 WHEREAS, the Collaborative facilitates cross-cultural understanding through education and  
13 communication and helps to empower individuals and organizations to advocate for  
14 community improvements; and

15 WHEREAS, the Collaborative has sponsored numerous events that celebrate the rich cultural  
16 diversity of the city and actions which provide diverse cultural services, including advocating  
17 for the involvement of refugee owned businesses in plans to transform downtown Clarkston,  
18 developing multilingual resource guides that locate businesses and health related resources  
19 in the Clarkston area, and coordinating town hall type meetings such as meetings between  
20 immigrants, refugees, and law enforcement officials; and

21 WHEREAS, the Clarkston Health Collaborative initiated resident action for the improvement  
22 and maintenance of apartment dwellings, helped to obtain grant funds to support the

1 renovation of the former Clarkston High School into the Clarkston Community Center, and  
2 established two new official voter registration sites; and

3 WHEREAS, the Clarkston Health Collaborative works to improve the community's health  
4 status through such undertakings as a multicultural health promotion program, a summer  
5 youth employment program, and a youth soccer program; and

6 WHEREAS, the Clarkston Health Collaborative deserves commendation for its outstanding  
7 record of service and dedication to improving the lives of the citizens of Clarkston, Georgia.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
9 commend the Clarkston Health Collaborative for its dedicated service to the City of  
10 Clarkston.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Clarkston Health Collaborative and  
13 the City of Clarkston.